

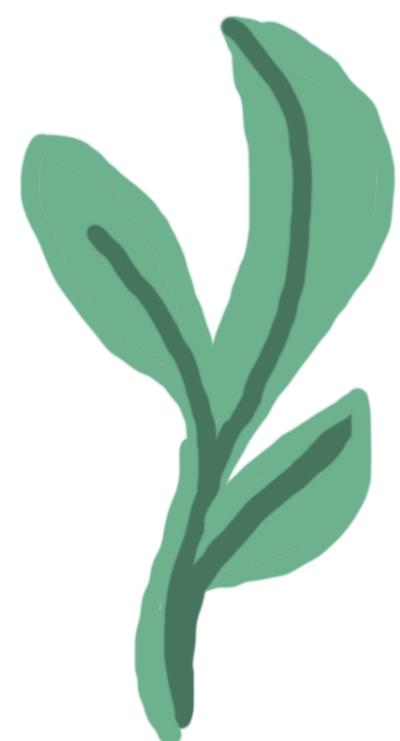
Final presentation and demo

Visual Analytics for Plant Pangenomes (VAPP)

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Agenda

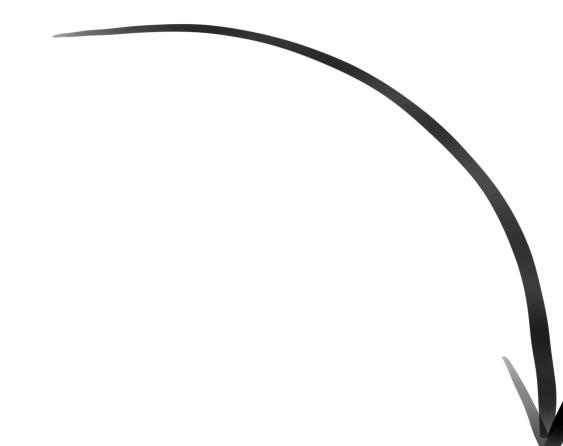
1. **PanVA:** variant analysis within pangenomes
 - Design and process
 - Next steps
2. Demo on *Pectobacterium*
3. Questions

Problem statement (1)

Current focus

Exploring sequence variation underlying traits

1. within a target gene
2. across multiple accessions/strains
3. in the context of multiple references
4. hierarchical relations
5. phenotypes

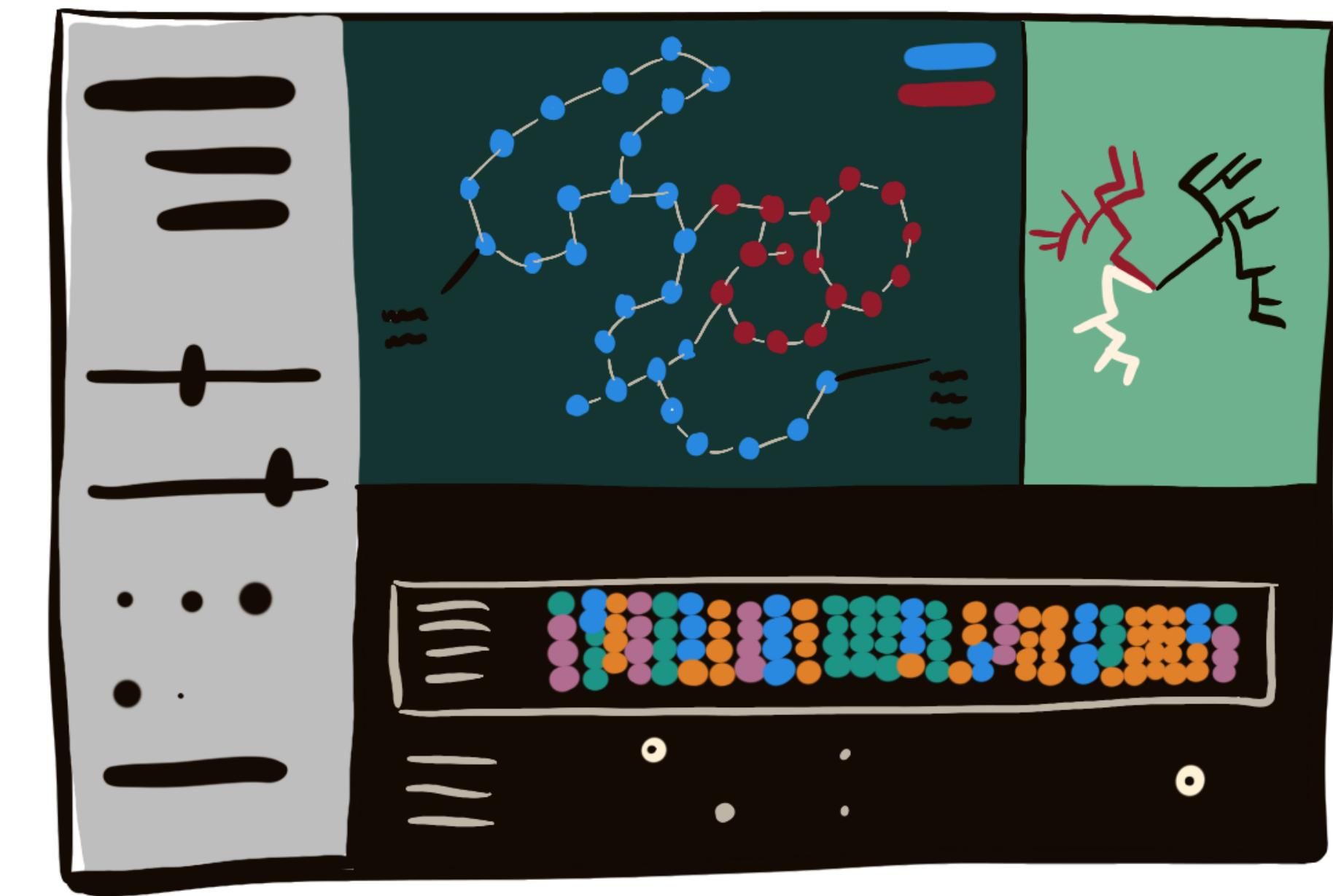
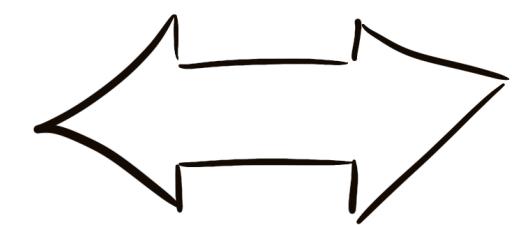
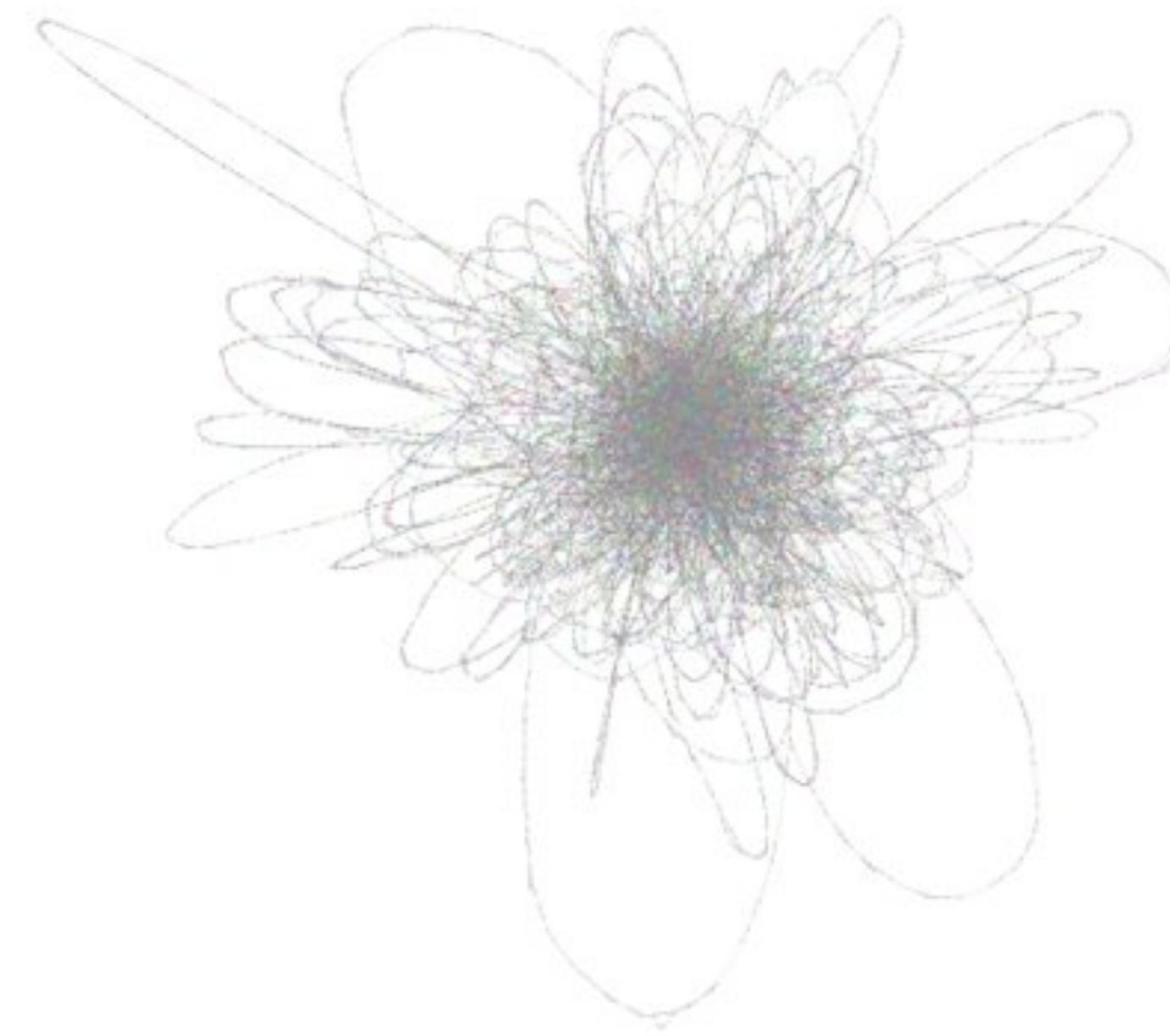


Pangenomes !!

Problem statement (2)

What is the problem?

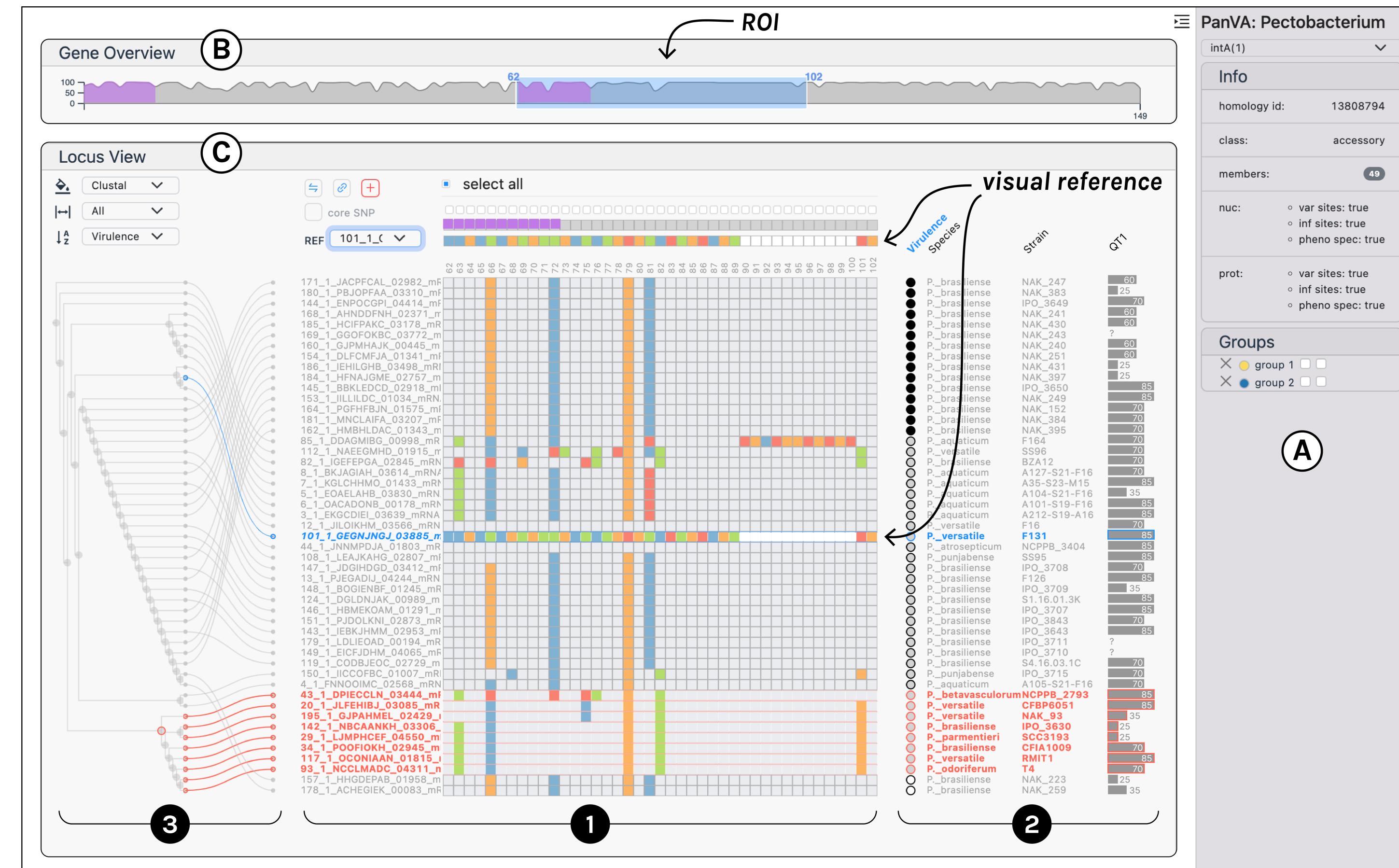
1. Interpreting the graph in the biological context
2. Current tools not sufficient for exploratory analysis
 - Only high level: focussed on displaying the graph
 - For specific organisms (e.g. microbes only)
 - Not possible to inspect metadata (and trees)



Translating pangenome information into meaningful views for genome scientists

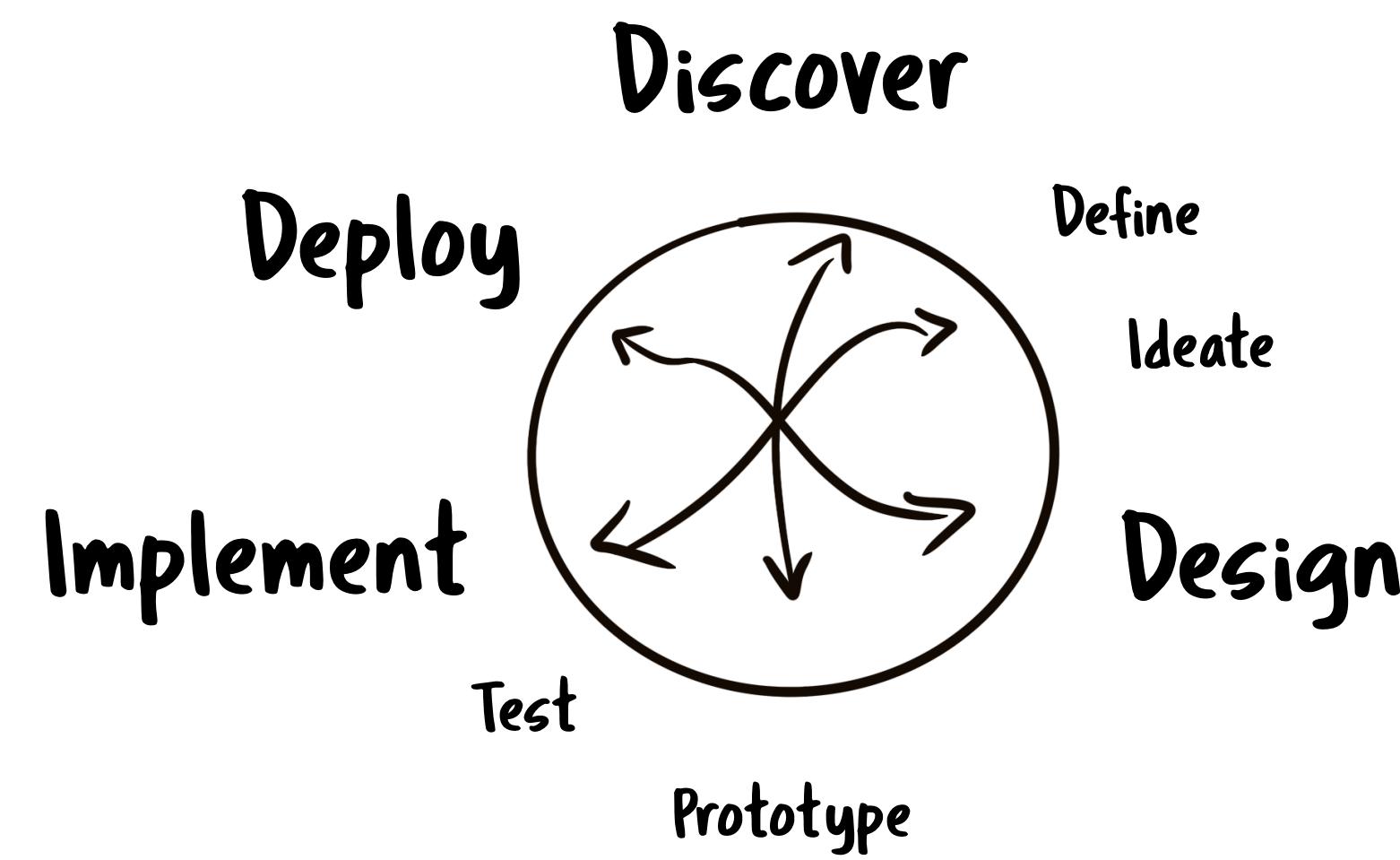
PanVA

Variant Analysis in Pangenomes



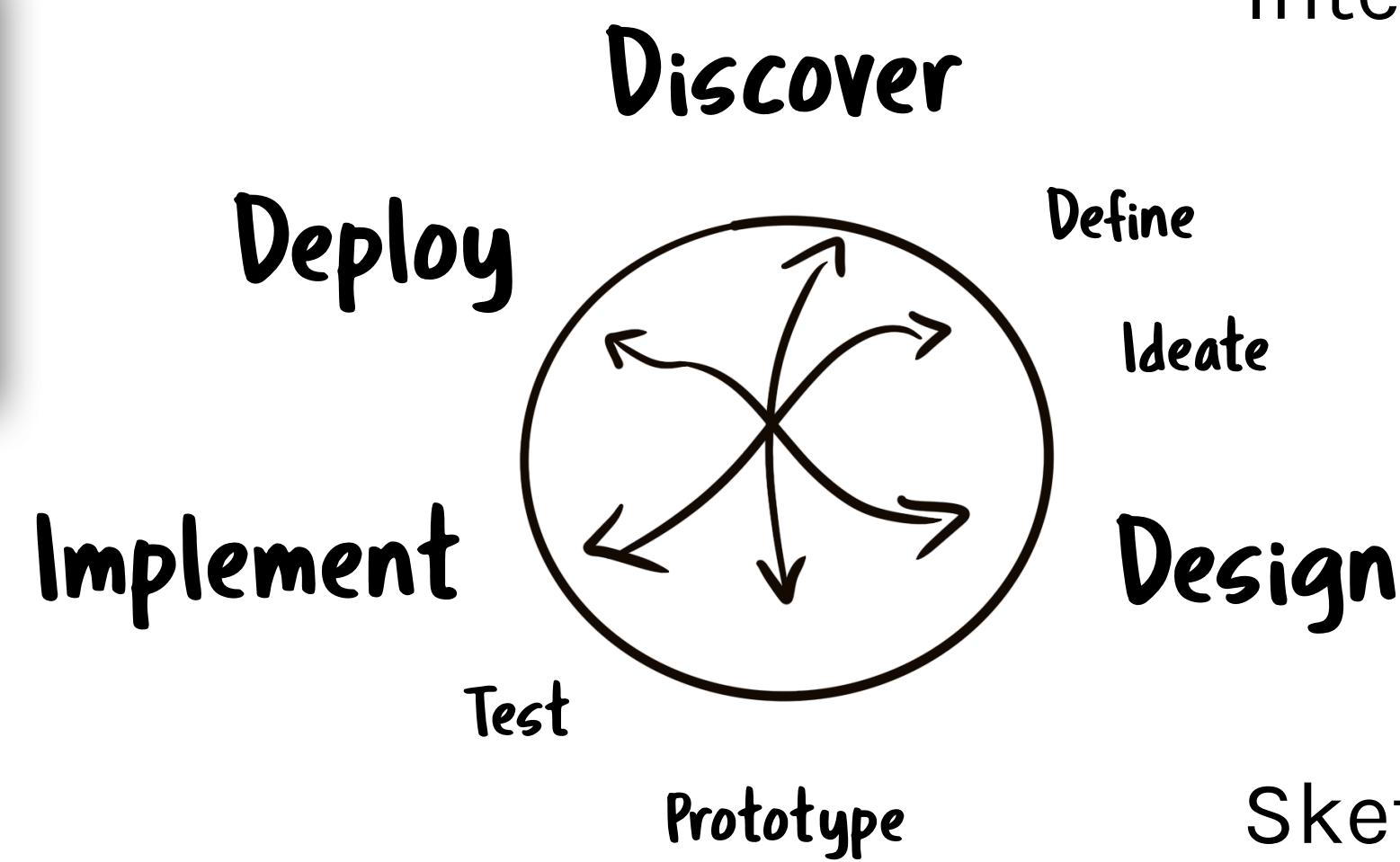
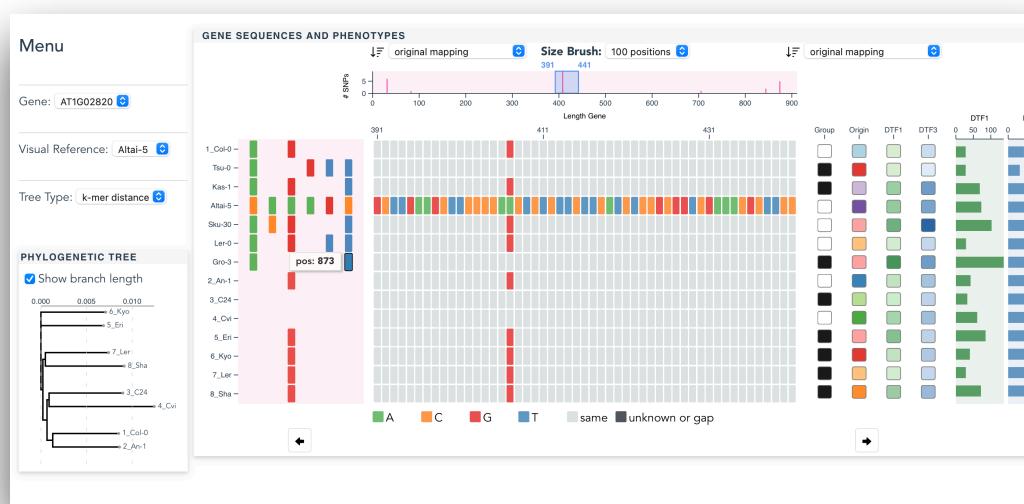
Tailored visual encodings and interactions (select, sort, group) to explore relations

Iterative UCD process

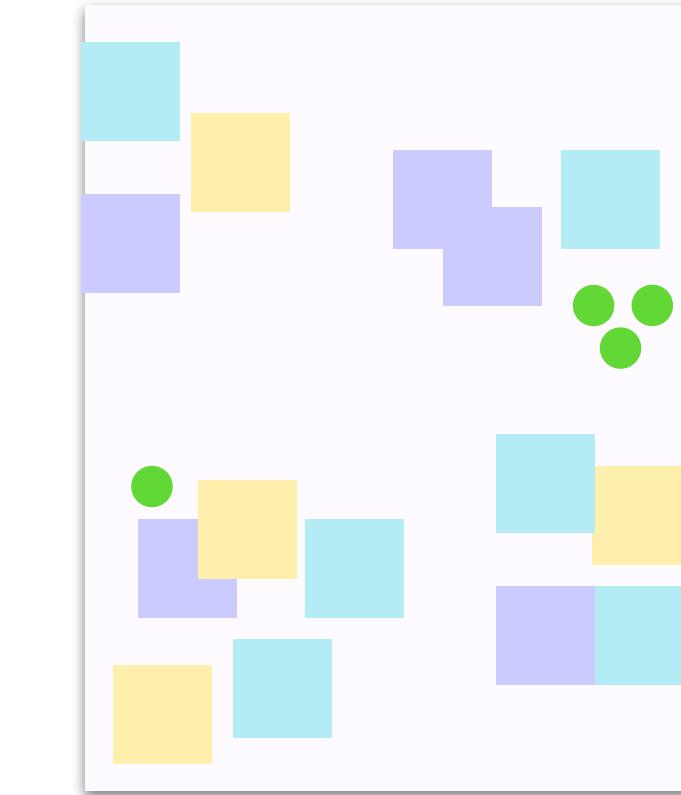


Iterative UCD process

Prototype v1



Interviews



Creativity workshop

Sketches and mockups

Two screenshots of a software interface for sequence variation analysis:

- Layout:** Shows a phylogenetic tree with nodes labeled REF 1, REF 2, REF 3, and REF 4. Below the tree are sequence grids for each reference. A sidebar includes options like "select gene", "species", "sequence options", "tree options", and "tree viewer".
- Operations:** A list of four steps:
 1. select subset
 2. highlight & swap
 3. range slider
 4. drag/dropEach step is accompanied by a small diagram illustrating the action.
- Focus:** A detailed view of a sequence grid for REF 1, showing specific variants highlighted in red and green.
- Discussion:** A list of topics:
 - Scalability? e.g. 500 lines
 - Summary views of variants
 - per haplotype?
 - compressed?
 - Indels

User Goals and Tasks (1)

G1. Freely explore genotype-phenotype relations

G2. Marker discovery



Exploration



Comparison



Gene / ROI



User Goals and Tasks (2)



T1. Browse variation/conservation in ROI



T2. Examine sequences and annotations

T3. Explore phenotypes

T4. Explore (evolutionary) relations



T5. Compare patterns

T6. Connect relationships by groups

T7. Summarise groups

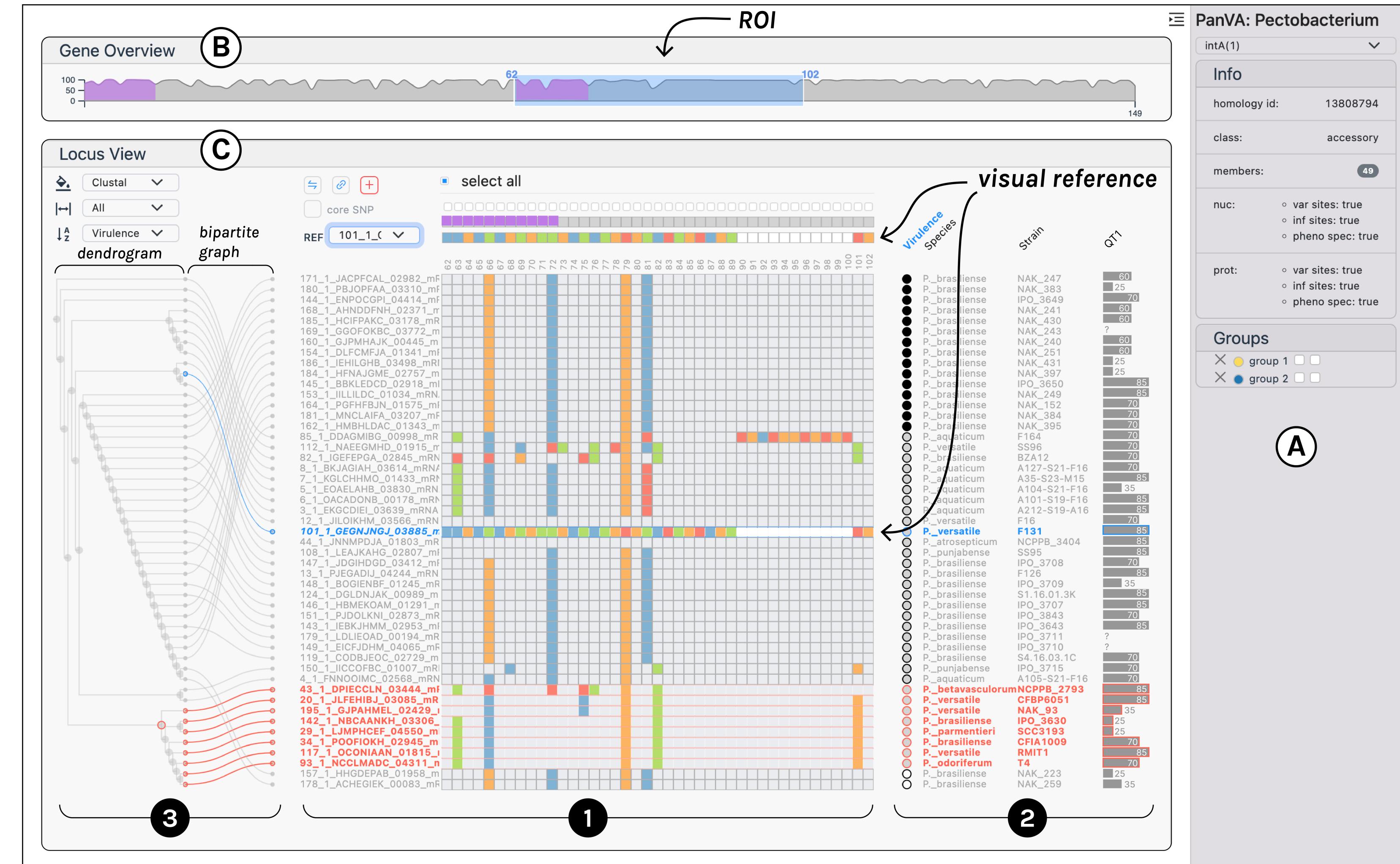
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A. Menu controls

B. Gene Overview

C. Locus View

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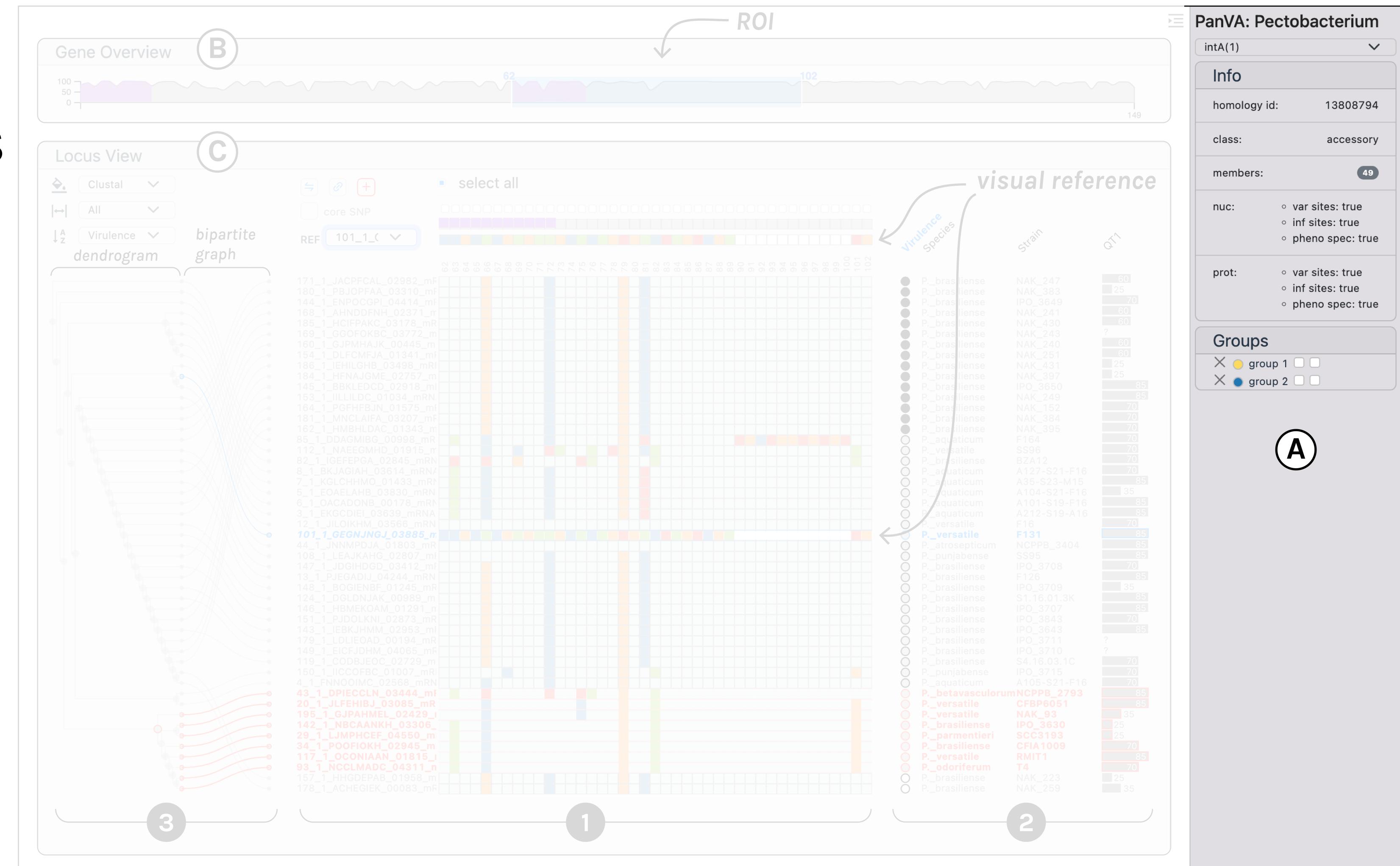
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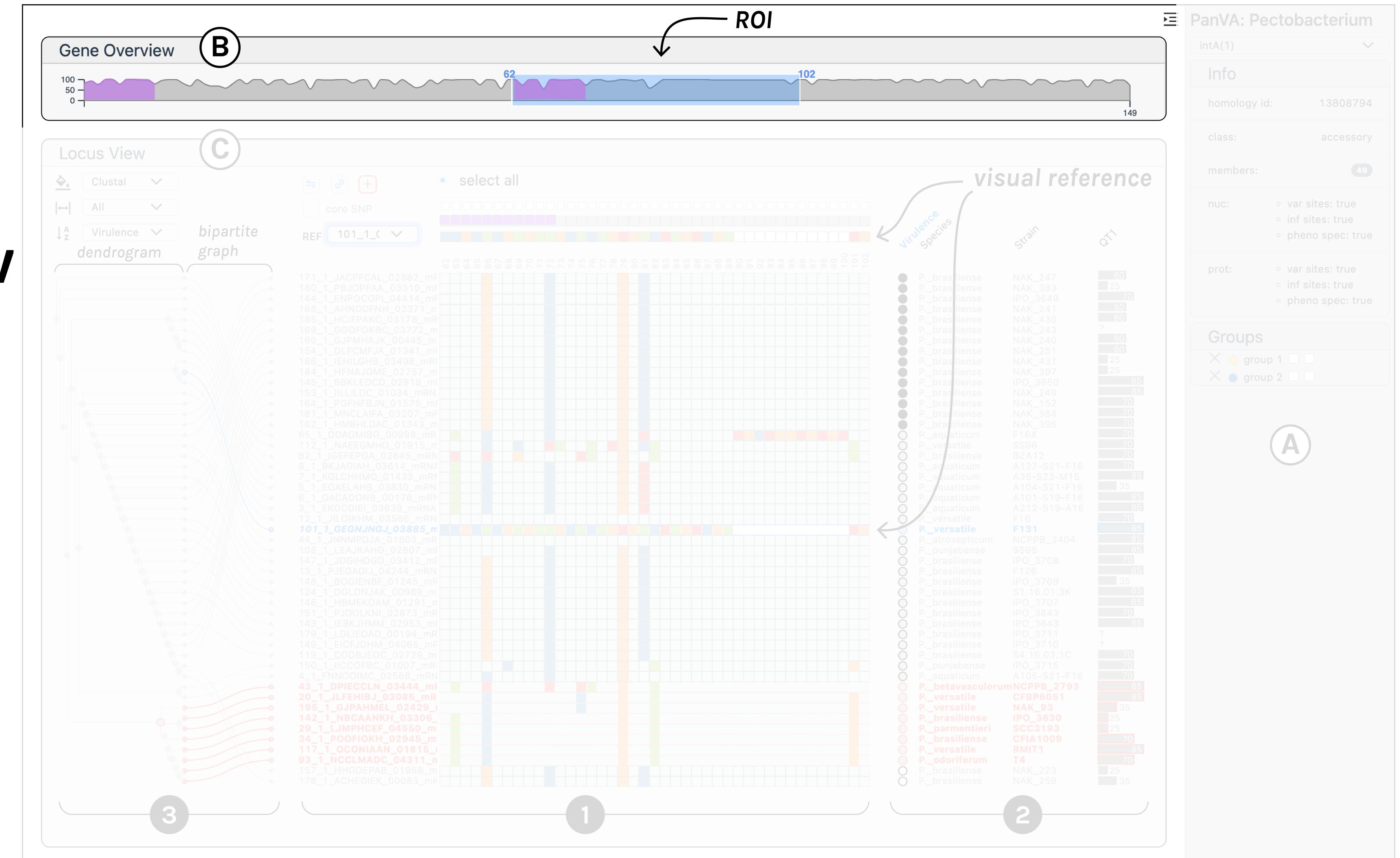
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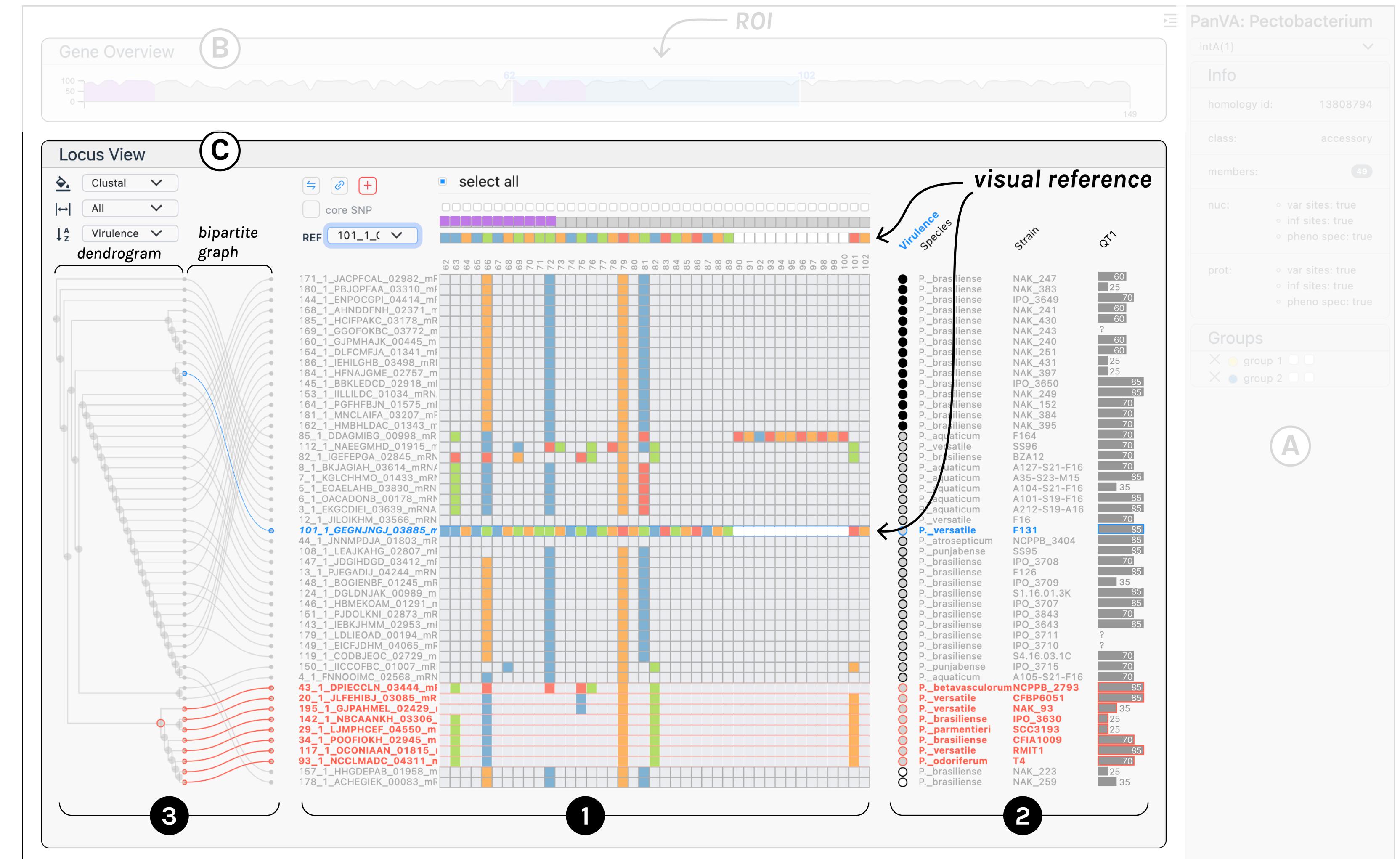
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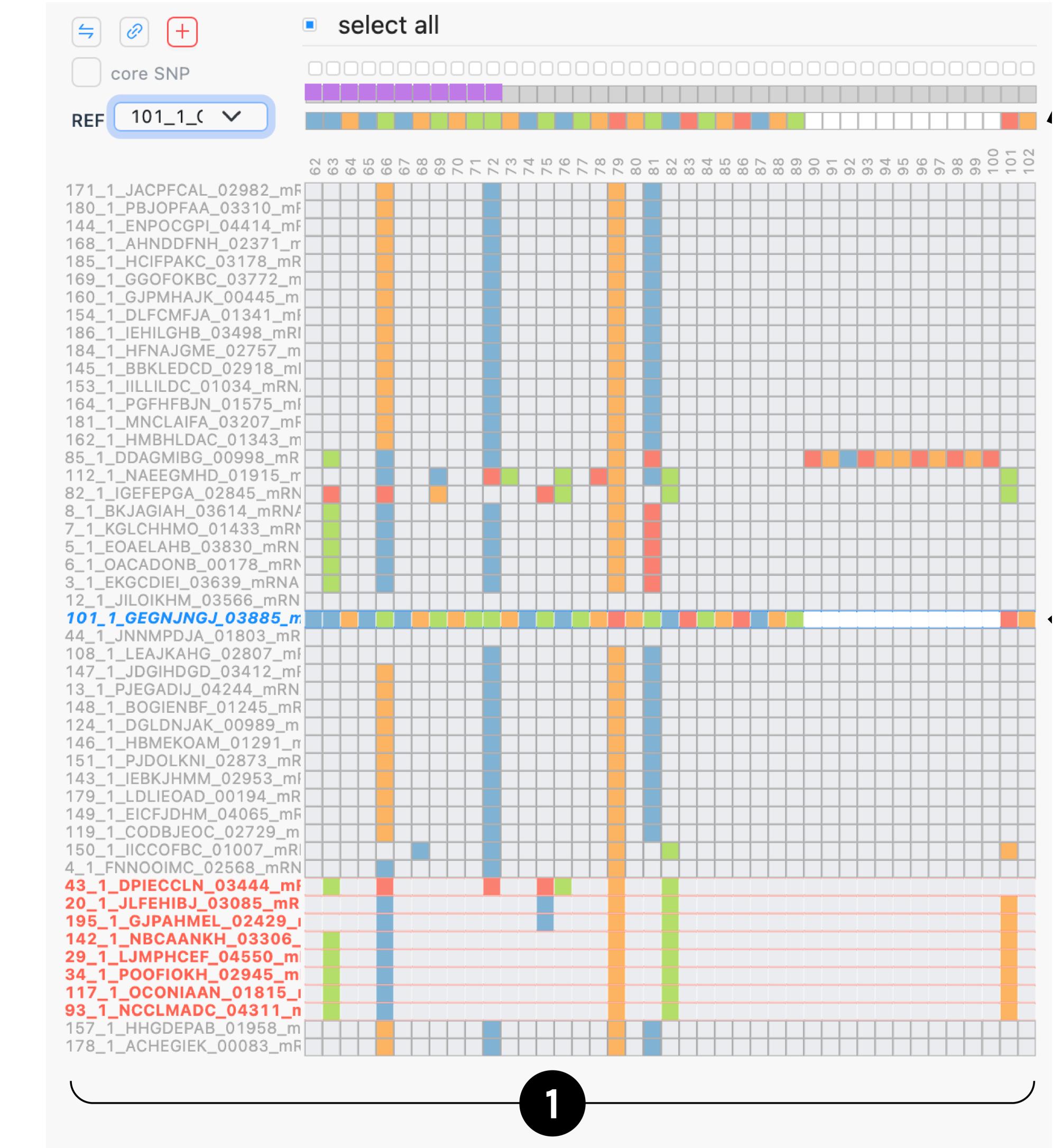
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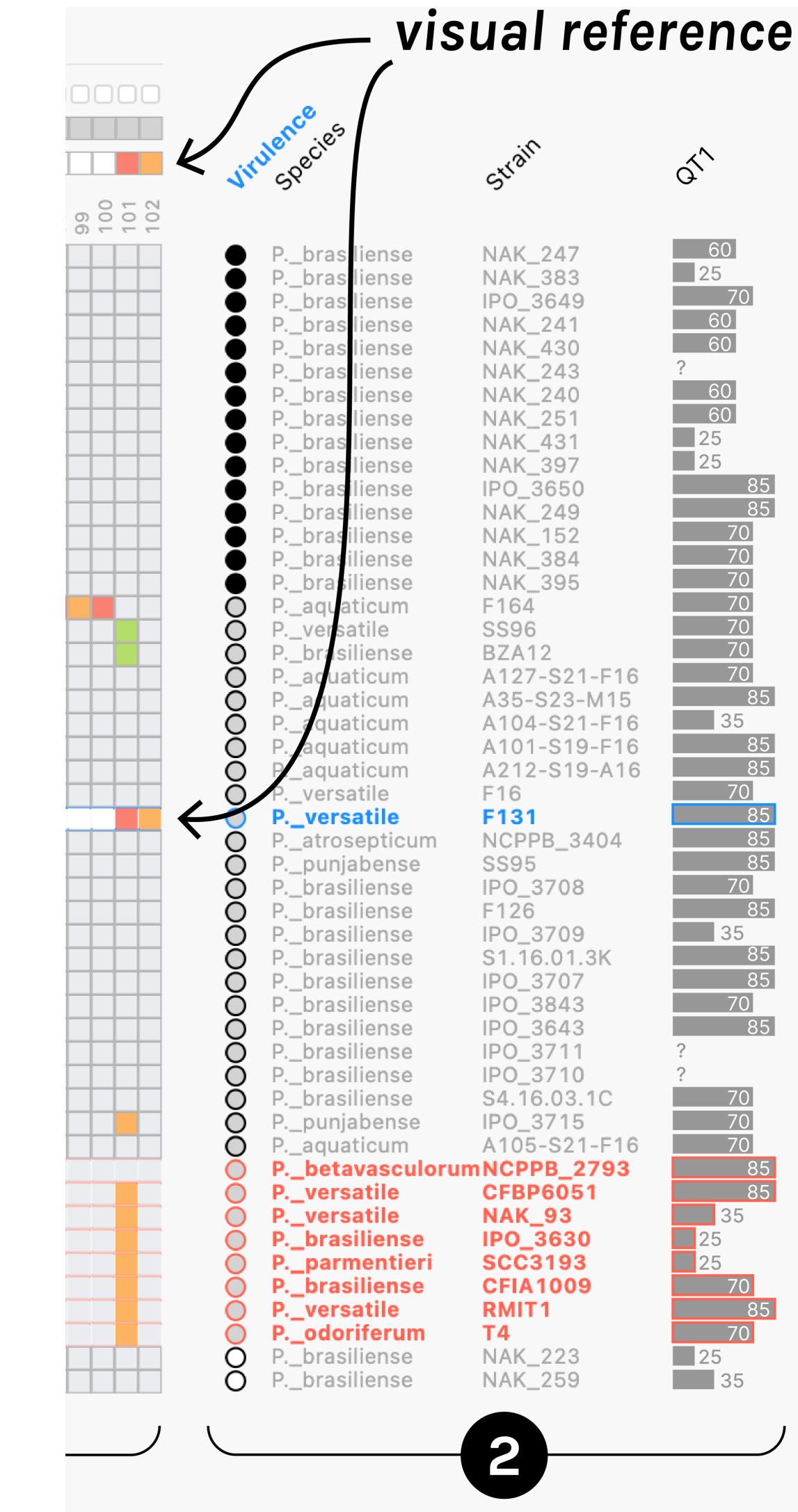
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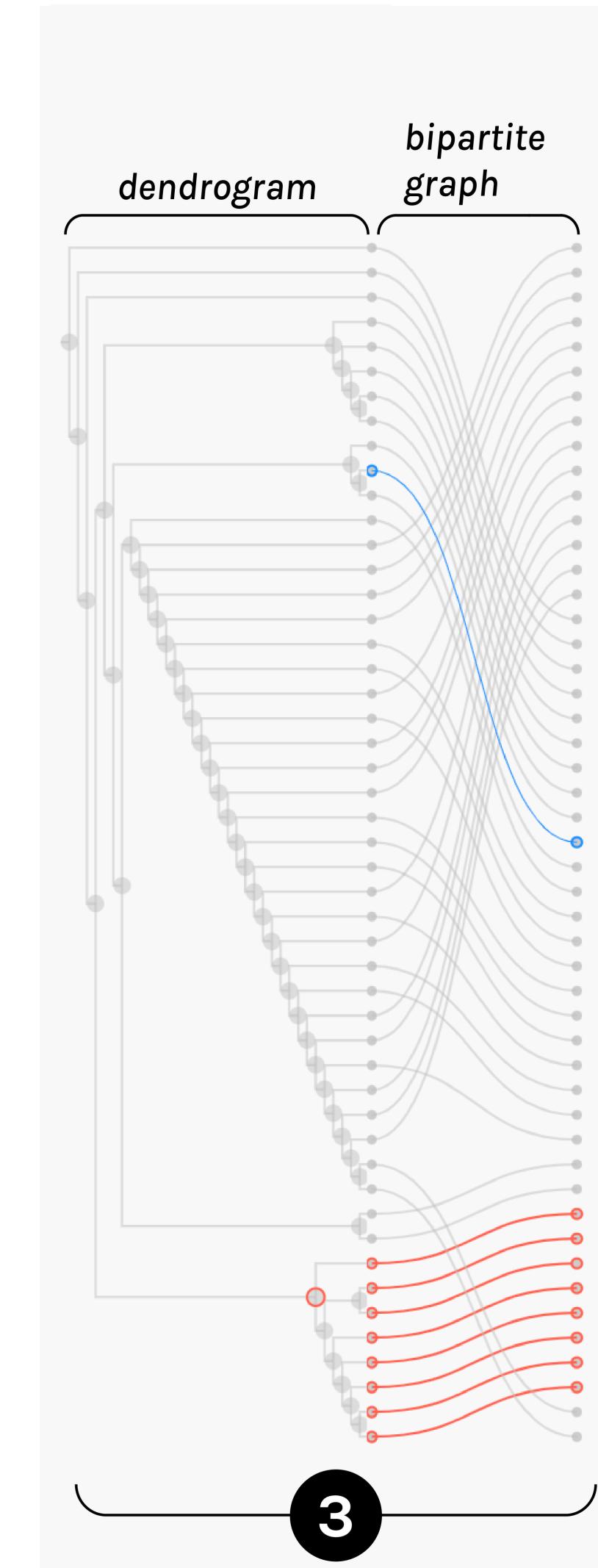
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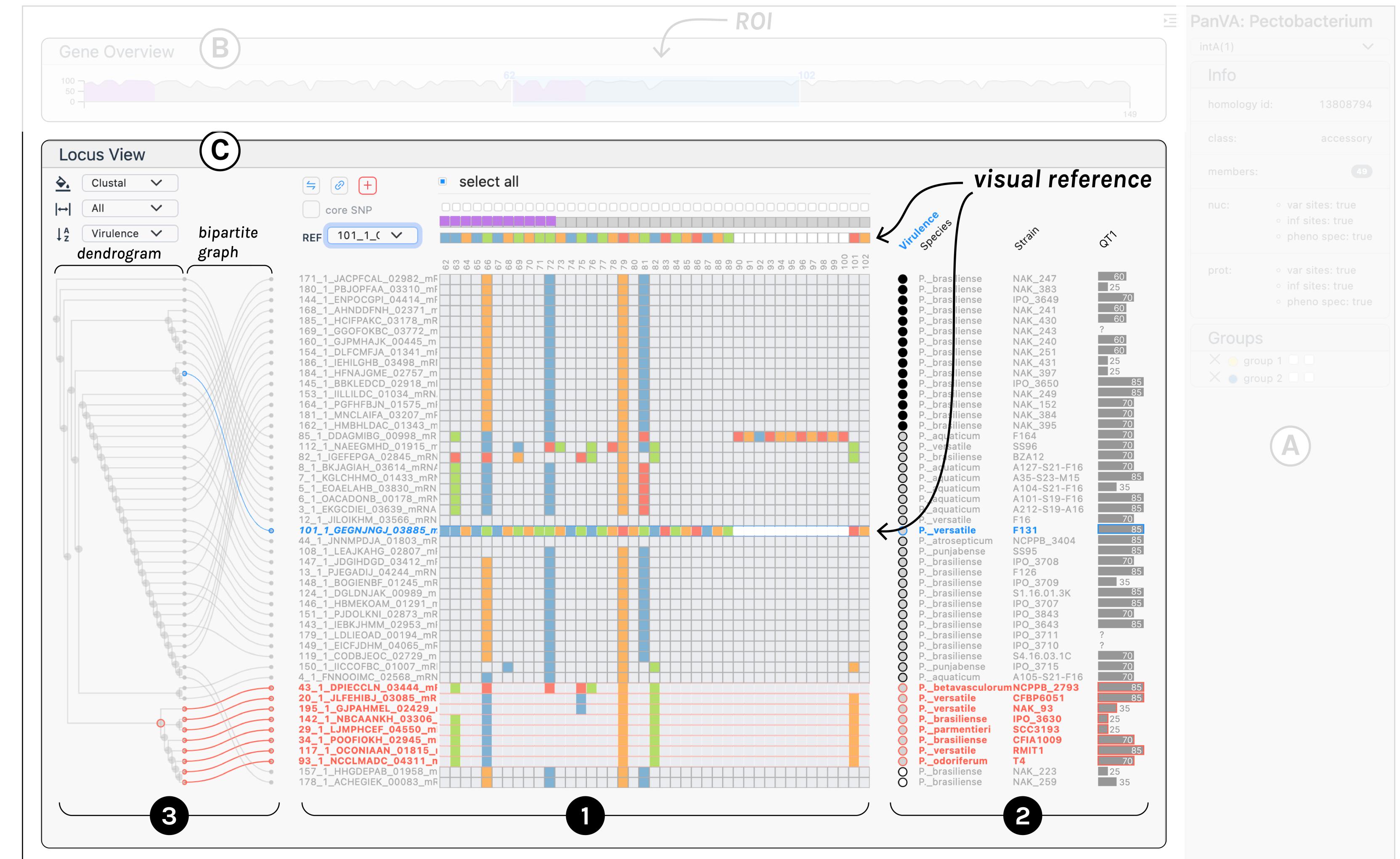
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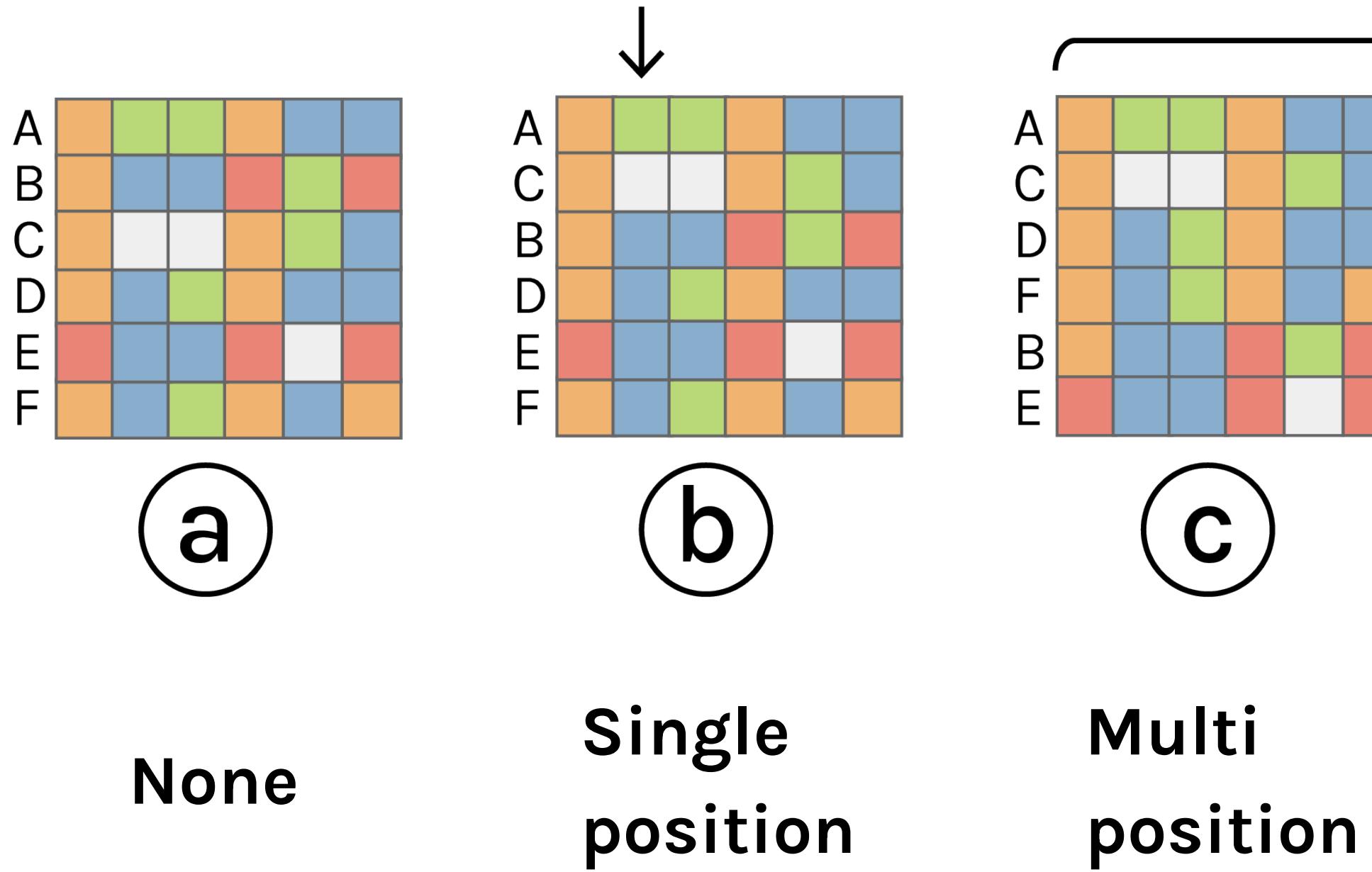
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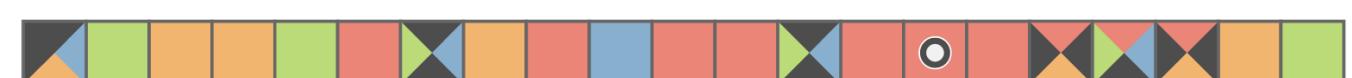
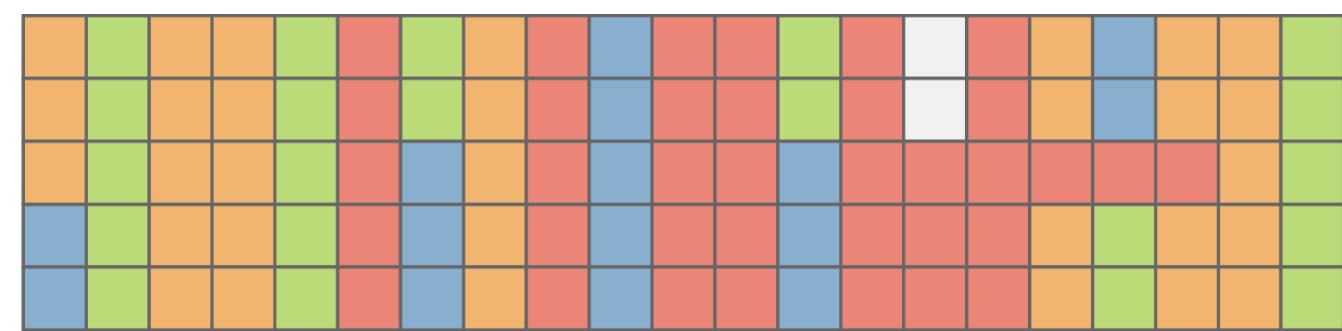
Sorting



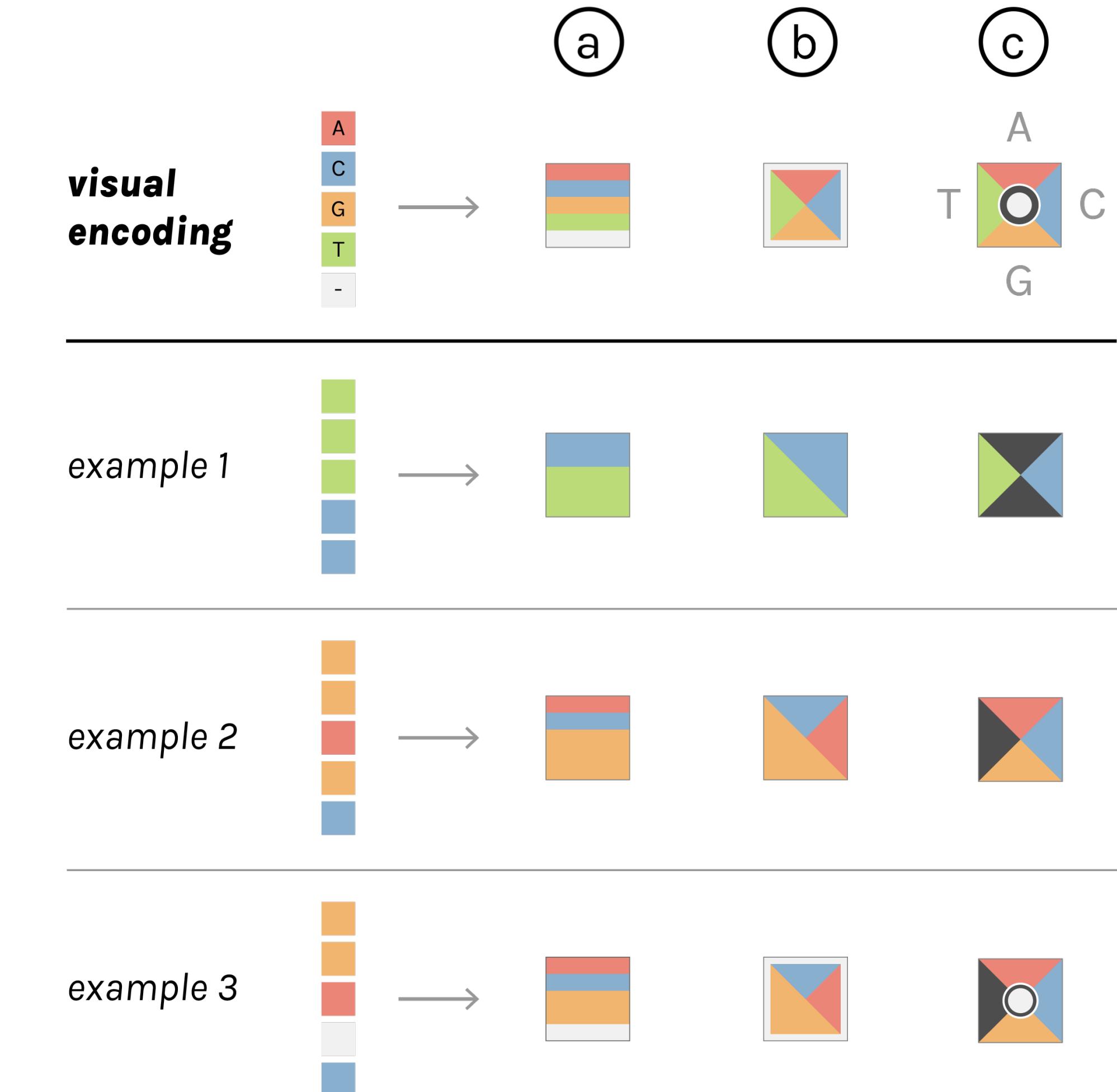
PanVA: interactions (2)

Grouping + aggregation

example sequence block



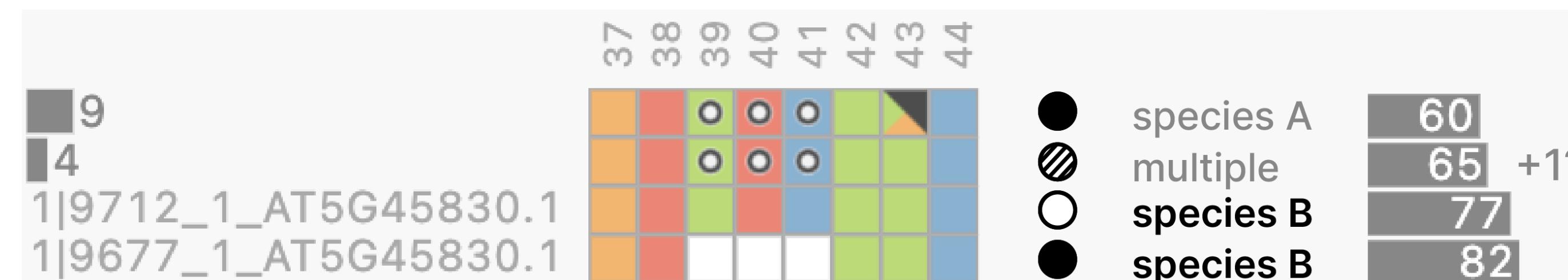
visual encoding



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Sequences

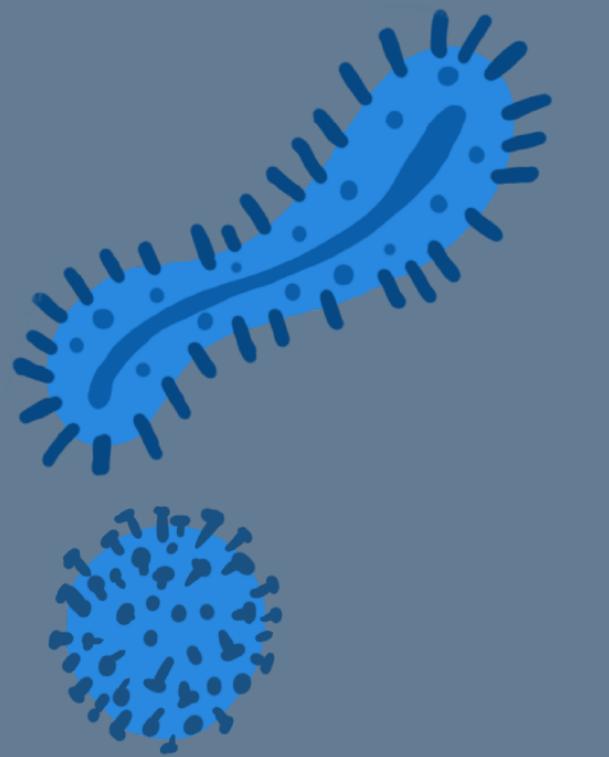
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PanVA: implementation

- Frontend: Vue + D3.js
- Backend: Python + Flask
- 2 demo instances: Arabidopsis & Pectobacterium

PanVA: evaluation

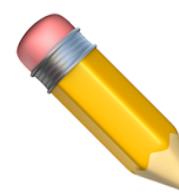
- Use cases
 - Pectobacterium barcode genes
 - Arabidopsis Flowering Time genes
- Qualitative feedback sessions
 - Interactions (grouping) - Integration
 - Glyph



Live demo

Pectobacterium barcode genes

PanVA: next steps



Design

- Usability aspects (e.g. groups from phenotypes)
- Visual scalability (e.g. zooming)
 - Scaling to larger regions (horizontally) and to more sequences (vertically)
- Large scale variation (synteny and PAV)



Performance and integration with PanTools (eTEC)

- Code refactoring
- Computational scalability: performance and rendering
- Connection with PanTools DB and instances